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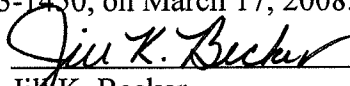
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to a final Office Action with a mailing date of January 16, 2008, response to which is due by April 17, 2008 without extension (March 16, 2008 fell on a Sunday), and which is therefore being filed within two months of the final Office Action mailing date, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.